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PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

Dear Sirs:

Applicants submit this Petition to the Commissioner under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application in which taking action was unintentionally delayed.

The above-identified application became unintentionally abandoned after July 9, 1997, which was the date that a response to the April 9, 1997 Office Action was originally due.

By virtue of two telephone conversations between Examiner Dianne Rees and the undersigned's legal assistant, Lisa Curtin, it is believed that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 12, 1997, although the instant Assignee has no record of ever having received that paper. On January 7, 1997, Ms. Curtin was informed orally by the Patent Office that her previous equest for a copy of the Notice of Abandonment was being processed and that a copy would be mailed out shortly. To date, however, no copy of the Notice of Abandonment as been received.

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